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DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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Petroleum Advisory Panel

1. There is a variety of technical problems encountered in the evaluation and interpretation of evidence available to O/RR in the petroleum field. It is considered desirable to establish, at the earliest practical date, an advisory committee composed of highly qualified specialists in the petroleum field to provide advice from time to time on the evaluation and interpretation of data.

2. The responsibility of the committee will be to advise the Petroleum Branch of O/RR in the evaluation and interpretation of evidence with major emphasis on the Soviet Orbit. Problems will be presented for the consideration of the panel. The panel will be specifically authorized to make recommendations on its own initiative to the Petroleum Branch, the AD/RR, or the DDCI.

3. Four individuals have been tentatively selected on the basis of the experience of the O/RR staff. The names of these individuals, with brief biographical data, are enclosed. If approved by you, O/O will be requested to secure the assistance of these individuals on a consultative basis.

4. The experience desired in the initial appointments is as follows:

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5. If these appointments are approved, Mr. [REDACTED] will be made temporary chairman and the committee will elect its permanent chairman. The frequency and duration of the meetings will be subject to the nature of the problems and the convenience of the members. After initial organization and orientation which will require a two day meeting, it is anticipated that a maximum of two days per month will be required for full panel.

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meetings with some panel members, at their convenience, spending additional time.

6. The appointments will be on a W.A.E. (\$50.00 per day) basis except for [REDACTED] who is now serving the Government as a member of the Petroleum Administration for Defense under the Secretary of Interior. Although [REDACTED] may be serving the P.A.D. without compensation from the government, he is considered a government employee. It is anticipated that all government employees will be appointed as panel members on a W.O.C. basis. O/RK will arrange for compensation and travel expenses. The Administrative Office, O/RK, will be responsible for necessary administrative arrangements after initial handling by O/O. 25X1A5a1 25X1A5a1

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